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Football Arguments

(Q.)—A ball going toward the line for a "bye" is safely herded home" by the back and the opposing forward. How is it shepherded home? In many cases by a fair shoulder charge, but just as many cases by obstruction. You must, many a time, have a back cross and recross the line of a forward, and so delay the ball was safely past. Sometimes the forward is baulked a mighty lunge just in front of him as he makes to play the ball before it crosses the line. In such a case the decision is always "bye." But let a player use obstruction to dodge in the center of the field and it is a foul at that time.

A fast clever winger will get the ball past the back, who immediately gets in his path and obstructs him. In this sometimes you get a foul, at others you can distinguish any difference from the bye-line tactics, but the decision is always a "foul."

Two players make to head the ball, but one sees he has misjudged his distance, but by standing his ground his opponent can't get it either. So he does this, and his opponent is half on the top of the other's shoulders. He immediately yells, "Foul," and gets it. It is not a foul on the bye-line.

(A.)—Now, I am afraid I can't see eye to eye with regard to the point raised. The offences which I usually see free are awarded in the centre of the field are entirely different from the tactics employed by a full back who, in defending his goal, endeavours to allow the ball to travel past, obstructs an opposing forward.

The assumption seems to be that cases of obstruction should be penalised, and that they constitute an offence. Not so, however, for obstruction is not an infringement of any of the laws of the game.

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Newcastle v. Metropolis.

An inter-district game between Newcastle and Metropolis will be held before the season closes. Newcastle, probably after the results from Java have returned. The original intention was to play Newcastle v. Illawarra, but the decision of Corrimal has altered the plans.

Newcastle has a long series of players over the Metropolis, but they believe that the Red and Whites should triumph on this occasion if carefully selected.

Murphy (Balgownie), Cook (Canterbury), Callaghan (Pyrmont), Thompson (Balgownie), Gertson (Eastern Suburbs) will make a fine forward line. Jack Smith, in-goal, would be a find after his Java experience, while for full-backs there is Driscoll (N.S.W. representative), Pont (Balmain), Robinson (Pyrmont), Mitchell (Thirroul), Grier (Balgownie), and a host of others. Richards (Pyrmont), Evans (Thirroul), Seddon (Balmain) for centre-half; Cole (Auburn), Johnston (Balgownie) for half-back and Byers (Balmain) for half-forward would all have a chance.

These names could be added to others. The McKays and O'Connell (Auburn), Doig (Pyrmont), O'Connell (Balgownie), Ireland (Balmain), Cocking (South Sydney), and O'Connell (North Sydney) would all have a chance.

A trial match might be arranged on the Coast between Metropolis and Illawarra to determine the team to try conclusions with Newcastle's best.

East—Second Grade.

It is extremely pleasing to all members and supporters of the Eastern Suburbs' Club to see the reserve team doing so well in the Second Grade Competition, and they should be very near the top of the table after to-day's games. The players comprising the team are now all showing their best form, and they intend making a bold bid for the Sunlight Cup when that competition commences.

Last Saturday the team decisively beat Canterbury by 13 goals to 1, and as the game was played at Canterbury this is considered no mean feat. The tricolours will be "all out" this afternoon to collect the two points at the expense of South Sydney.

Goalkeeper Cole has been performing well between the sticks. Moran and Holledge are a sound pair of backs, who kick strongly and accurately. The half-backs—O'Connor, Connolly, and Watson (though Boyd has been filling the latter's place recently with success)—are a solid trio, and feed the forwards well. Purtell played his first game for the team last week as outside-right, and impressed the selectors. Haynes plays his usual good game at inside-right. Flowers is a good bustling type of centre-forward, though a bit light, and can shoot well. Nelson (a new-comer from N.Z.) is proving an asset to the club, and is an extremely useful man around goal. Clowes, the erstwhile outside-right, is now successfully filling the outside-left position, and demonstrating his versatility on the playing area.

Eastern Suburbs' team against Helensburgh: R. Caminiti, R. Lambie, R. Horan, A. Featherstone, W. Bagley, A. Lockhead, S. Dickens, T. Mallock, C. Scully, H. English, A. Caminiti.

The Java Team.

No mail has yet been received from the members of the Australian team now touring Java, but it is very pleasing to notice that they are still winning matches. Only one loss has been recorded to date.

It is expected that some letters will arrive by the mail next week, and these will be welcomed, as first-hand details are eagerly awaited.

They Say That—

The conference of Association clubs last week-end was a very harmonious gathering; in fact, one of the best meetings that have been held for some years.

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A definite plan of competitions has been prepared for next season in the event of the conference with the State League clubs breaking down.

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The St. George Association desires affiliation to a senior body, and the way seems to be open for the healing of the breach in this direction.

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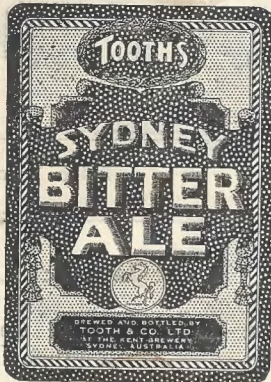
North Sydney Firsts played splendidly to hold Helensburgh to a draw on the 'Burghs' home ground last Saturday.

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President Silverlock and Secretary Edwards are exploring the Northern Suburbs for a ground next season.

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Auburn have not had a home game for some weeks. They should have played Corrimal last Saturday.



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PROGRAMME

METROPOLITAN PREMIERSHIP SEMI-FINAL

PYRMONT v. AUBURN.—Redfern Oval, 3.15.

PYRMONT.

(Blue.)

N. Verity

1-Sym

3-G. Humphries

6-A. Quill 7-E. Turner

10-D. McKay 9-C. Daley

5-Hill

2-Hilder

2-T. Richards

4-J. Cohen

8-J. Callaghan

8-A. McKay

4-C. McKay

Callaghan

AUBURN.

(Maroon.)

Reserve: 11-W. Stevens.

Referee: G. McLay.

Linesmen: H. Battin and E. J. Martin

SECOND GRADE.

CANTERBURY II. v. PYRMONT II.—Redfern Oval, 1.15.

CANTERBURY II.

(Blue and Gold.)

Proctor

W. Smith

L. Smith

Mills

Bongers

Humphrey

Lind

Solomons

J. Black

Hambleton

S. Moyes

King

J. Lyons

Stewart

PYRMONT II.

(Blue.)

Referee: W. Clark.

L. Moyes

Dowling

Timms

E. Thomas

Bateman

P. Hogg

E. Lyons

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PROGRAMME

SECOND GRADE.

PERDRONIANS v. BALMAIN II.—S.C. Gd., No. 2, 3.15.

PERDRONIANS.
 (Black, with Red V.)
 (Team not available.)

D. McEvoy	T. Boyle	B. Brennan	R. Burness	A. Turner
A. Flinn		R. McDonald	J. Christie	
R. Chapman		J. McNally	L. Parker	

BALMAIN II.
 (Black and Gold.)

Referee: G. Skelly.

SECOND GRADE.

STH. SYDNEY II. v. EAST. SUBS. II.—S.C. Gd., No. 2, 1.45.

SOUTH SYDNEY II.
 (Red and Green.)

J. Elliott	J. Condon	
A. Scanlan	F. Burne	Hopkins
Elliott	Jackson	A. McDougall
		J. Corkery
		C. Watson
Howes	Nelson	Flowers
O'Connor	Connolly	Haynes
Holledge		Watson or Boyd
		Moran
		Purtell

COLE
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 (Red, White, and Blue.)

Referee: T. Leighton.

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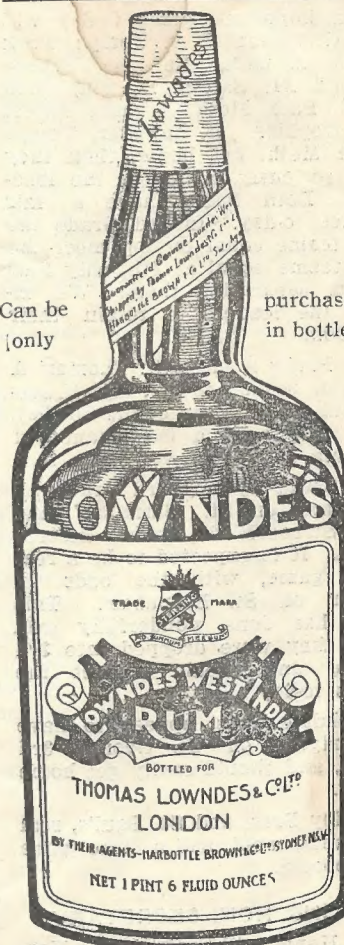
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TO-DAY'S GAMES.

Campsie Pres. A and All Saints' A will meet Hornsby (Nth. Subs. Assn.) and Lilyfield (E. and W. Subs. Assn.) respectively in the Rofe Cup to-day. Campsie Pres. A should win at Waitara, and All Saints' A have a fair chance. Lilyfield, however, is a good team.

Bal. Meth. A and Croydon Cong. A, also Hurl. Park Meth. A and Leichhardt Meth. A, will meet in the Rofe Cup, and it will be a good chance to see how our 2nd and 3rd Grade teams compare.

An important game to-day will be All Saints' B v. Tempe Park Meth. A under Referee Peebles. Should All Saints' B win, then Hurl. Park Meth. A must collect the trophies. If, however, Tempe Park Meth. get home, then they will seriously challenge the leaders. Both teams have a fair chance to-day. In 3rd Grade the two teams equal on top meet the two teams equal at 4th, only four points separating them. We expect the leaders to retain their position.

St. Paul's A meet St. Thomas' A in their re-play to-day, and if successful (and they ought to be), then they have a fair chance of winning from Balmain Meth. A.

In South Sydney 3rd Grade all eyes are on St. Barnabas' and May Street Meth., under Referee Nixon. It is expected to be a real close game, with the odds in favour of St. Barnabas'. This team has done wonderfully well since they were dropped into 3rd Grade, and should collect the points to-day.

Rockdale Pres. appear to have a mortgage on St. George 3rd Grade, and should easily get home to-day.

Bexley Pres. and St. Paul's, real old rivals, meet, and a close game is expected.

ACTING HON. SECRETARY.

Mr. Henry will again be at Kosciusko from to-day till next Saturday, and Mr A. E. Titterton, of 6 James Street, Petersham, will act during his absence.

ACTING PRESIDENT.

Rev. A. S. Smith has been granted indefinite leave of absence, and Mr. S. Taylor has been appointed acting president.

MR. DUCKWORTH.

Mr. (Archie) Duckworth, recently appointed a member of South Sydney M.C., was a member of the team that inaugurated the competition in 1920—All Souls'.

CANTERBURY SPORTS

GROUND ON AUG. 11 & 18.

Teams set down to play at Canterbury on these dates should get half-price admission tickets for their supporters.

Draw for Saturday, August 11.

1st GRADE.

St. Thomas' A v. Lakemba Cong. A, Lakemba, 3.15.
All Saints' A v. Croydon Cong. A, Wardell Road No. 2, 3.15.
L'hardt Pres. A v. Campsie Meth. A, Croydon Park, 3.15.
Dulwich Hill Pres. A v. Campsie Pres. A, Ashfield, 3.15.
Warren Meth. A v. Austen's, Cook's River No. 1, 3.15.

COOK BRANCH.

2nd Grade.

Campsie Pres. B v. Campsie Meth. B, Croydon Park, 1.45.
Croydon Cong. B v. Marrickville Cong., Cook's River No. 3, 3.15.
Tempe Pk. Meth. A v. Hurl. Park Meth. A, Canterbury No 3, 3.15.
Punchbowl Meth. A v. Warren Meth. B, Punchbowl, 3.15.
All Saints' B v. St. And's (S.H.), Wardell Road No. 3, 3.15.

3rd Grade.

Punchbowl Meth. B v. St. And's (S.H.) B, Canterbury No. 2, 1.45.
Hurl. Park Meth. B v. Dulwich Hill Meth., Cook's River No. 2, 1.45.
Croydon Cong. C v. Nth. Croydon Bapt. C, Ashfield, 1.45.
Campsie Meth. C v. Lak. Cong. C, Punchbowl, 1.45.
Tempe Pk. Meth. B v. Lak. C. of C. A, Cook's River No. 2, 3.15.

DALLEY BRANCH.

2nd Grade.

St. John's v. All Saints' C, Canterbury No. 1, 1.45.
St. Paul's A v. Bal. Bapt. A, Wardell Road No 4, 3.15.
Balmain Meth. A v. St. Aidan's Crescent Oval, 3.15.
St. Thomas' B v. P'sham Bapt. A, Wardell Road No. 1, 3.15.
L'hardt Pres. v. L'hardt Meth. B, Canterbury No. 2, 3.15.

3rd Grade.

Lak. Cong. C v. Balmain Meth. B, Wardell Road No. 2, 1.45.
H.H. Mission v. St. Paul's B, Canterbury No. 3, 1.45.
Balmain Bapt. B v. P'sham Bapt. B, Canterbury No. 4, 1.45.
Leichhardt Meth. C v. ————
Balmain Meth. C v. St. Aidan's Crescent Oval, 1.45.

SOUTH SYDNEY BRANCH.

3rd Grade.

Alexandria Cong. v. May St. Meth. Cook's River No. 3, 1.45.
Redfern Cong. v. Botany Pres. B, Botany, 1.45.
St. Alban's (Darl.) A v. St. Alban's (Ult.) B, Cent. Pk. No. 1, 3.15.
St. Alban's (Darl.) B v. Lak. C. of E. B, Cook's River No. 1, 1.45.
St Barnabas' v. McNeil Memorial Centennial Park No. 2, 3.15.

2nd Grade.

Balmain Meth. B v. St. Silas', Canterbury No. 4, 3.15.
Holy Trinity v. Botany Pres. A, Botany, 3.15.
North Croydon Bapt. A the bye.

ST. GEORGE BRANCH.

3rd Grade.

Rockdale Pres. v. Rockdale Pres. Penshurst, 2.30.

COOK BRANCH.

2nd Grade.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Hrl.Pk.Meth.A	15	13	0	2	59-15		
Tpe.Pk.Mth.A	14	11	1	2	61-28		
All Saints' B	14	10	2	2	52-20		
M'ville Cong.	15	7	6	2	30-33		
P'bwil Mth. A	15	8	7	0	40-35		
S.An's., S.H., A	15	7	7	1	33-28		
C'psie Meth. B	15	7	7	0	33-29		
Croy. Cong. B	15	4	11	0	31-46		
C'psie Pres. B	15	2	13	0	24-71		
W'ren Meth. B	15	0	15	0	15-71		

P.C.S.F. Association.**3rd Grade.**

	P	W	L	D	F-A.	Pt
al. Hill Mth.	15	11	3	1	59-25	23
ak.C. of E., A	15	9	1	5	50-16	23
pePk.Mth.B	15	10	3	2	53-37	22
bowl Mth. B	15	8	4	3	44-20	19
psie Meth. C	15	8	4	3	39-20	19
rl.Pk.Meth.B	15	5	5	5	32-33	15
th.Croy.Bap.	15	3	9	3	21-45	9
ak. Cong. C	15	2	10	3	21-50	7
roy. Cong. C	15	3	11	1	28-62	7
an.'s,S.H., B	15	2	10	2	16-56	4

ST. GEORGE BRANCH.**2nd Grade.**

	P	W	L	D	F-A.	Pt
arlton Bap. A	14	13	1	0	42-9	26
Hurst. Mth.	14	12	2	0	41-27	24
eahk'rstMth.	14	9	4	1	34-26	19
John . . .	14	5	8	1	25-30	11
ensh'st Pres.	14	2	10	2	8-55	6
arlton Bap. B	6	0	6	0	6-28	0

3rd Grade.

	P	W	L	D	F-A.	Pt
ockd'e Pres.	12	8	2	2	32-15	18
dale C. of C.	14	8	4	2	31-20	18
exley P's.	14	6	5	3	33-36	15
Paul's . . .	14	5	5	4	28-28	14
ksia Free C.	14	4	9	1	19-30	9
ockd'e Meth.	12	2	8	2	25-47	6

Football Arguments.*(continued from page 2)*

fact, it is quite permissible. There are numerous offences for which a free kick can be awarded if committed outside the penalty area, and a penalty kick be granted if the offence takes place within the penalty area, but obstruction is not one of them.

The offences I allude to include "kicking, tripping, striking, holding, pushing, jumping at or charging an opponent from behind."

So long as a full-back does not commit any of these offences he is quite entitled to obstruct an opposing forward in order to prevent the latter from getting the ball before it goes over the goal-line. The laws of the game distinctly allow obstruction. For example, Law 8 says:—

"The goalkeeper shall not be charged except when he is holding the ball, or obstructing an opponent, or when he has passed outside the goal area." According to this, obstruction by the goalkeeper is not an offence. All that happens is that if he obstructs an opponent he can be charged, even within his own goal area. Again, Law 9 says:—

"A player shall not be charged from behind unless he is intentionally obstructing an opponent. If a player turns so as to face his own goal, when he is tackled, or is obviously aware that he is about to be tackled by an opponent, he is intentionally obstructing, and may be charged from behind." Again, we see that obstruction is not in itself an offence, and all that might happen is that the culprit (if he can be so called) can be charged from behind.

How often has a spectator seen a forward charge a full-back in the middle of the back when he was obstructing? Very seldom, I am sure.

Corrimal Forfeit.

The Corrimal Club was informed officially by registered letter of the Association's decision to match it with Auburn at Granville last Saturday, but forfeited.

Corrimal, of course, played Kurri Kurri at Kurri.

The Corrimal Club did not reply to the Association's letter.

It will be interesting to see the next move by the Association in the enforcement of the £20 Bond.

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N.S.W. PREMIERSHIP.

Balgownie v. Holmesville: Holmesville did not reach Balgownie owing to train delays; match will be played later in season.
Canterbury v. Adamstown (deferred by Executive).
Auburn received forfeit from Corrimall.
New Lambton v. Pyrmont (deferred by Executive).

PRESIDENT'S CUP.

South Sydney 1, Thirroul 1.
Helensburgh 1, North Sydney 1.
Balmain 6, Eastern Suburbs 2.

SECOND GRADE.

Callan Park 4 (Hill, Pickering, James, Burgess) beat Pyrmont 2 (Timms, King), at Callan Pk.
South Sydney 1 (Roberts) beat Balmain 0, at Redfern Oval.
North Sydney forfeited to Australian Woollen Mills.
Eastern Suburbs 13 beat Canterbury 1, at Canterbury.
Auburn and Perdronians played a scoreless draw.

To-day's Fixtures

GARDINER CUP.

West Wallsend v. Cardiff, Hobart Park, 3.15.

METROPOLITAN PREMIERSHIP. SEMI-FINALS.

NOTE.—These will be altered in event of Corrimall filling its engagement with Auburn next Saturday.

Balgownie v. Canterbury, Balgownie, 3.15.

Pyrmont v. Auburn, Redfern, 3.15. (G. McLay.)

N.S.W. PREMIERSHIP.

Holmesville v. South Sydney, Holmesville, 3.15.

Thirroul v. New Lambton, Thirroul, 3.15.

Adamstown v. Balmain, Adamstown, 3.15.

Wallsend and North Sydney not engaged.

PRESIDENT'S CUP.

Helensburgh v. Easts, Helensburgh, 3.15.

SECOND GRADE.

Callan Park v. Auburn, Callan Park, 2.30. (J. Thompson.)
Canterbury v. Pyrmont, Redfern, 1.45. (W. Clark.)
South Sydney v. Easts, S.C. Gd. No. 2, 1.45. (T. Leighton.)
Balmain v. Perdronians, S.C. Gd. No. 2, 3.15. (G. Skelly.)
Aust. W. Mills v. North Sydney, Granville Show Gd. No. 2, 3.15. (J. Hague.)

Linesmen—Redfern: H. Battin and E. J. Martin.

Fixtures, August 11.

GARDINER CUP.

Pyrmont v. Adamstown, Hobart Park, Newcastle, 3.15.
Balmain v. Balgownie, S.C. Gd., No. 2, 3.15.

N.S.W. PREMIERSHIP.

South Sydney v. West Wallsend, Redfern, 3.15.
Holmesville v. Auburn, Holmesville, 3.15.

NEWCASTLE COMPETITION.

New Lambton v. Cardiff.
Wallsend not engaged.

PRESIDENT'S CUP.

Helensburgh v. Thirroul, Helensburgh, 3.15.
Canterbury v. North Sydney, Canterbury, 3.15.
Eastern Suburbs not engaged.

SECOND GRADE.

Canterbury v. Callan Park, Callan Park, 2.30.
Balmain v. Aust. W. Mills, S.C. Gd., No. 2, 1.45.
Perdronians v. South Sydney, Redfern, 1.45.

SECOND GRADE.

	P	W	L	D	F.A.	Pt
Auburn . . .	17	10	3	4	43-28	24
East. Suburbs	17	12	5	0	60-30	24
Perdronians	16	10	3	3	42-10	23
Pyrmont . . .	17	11	5	1	59-24	23
Callan Park	16	7	6	3	52-41	17
Balmain . . .	16	6	7	3	45-47	15
Canterbury	16	5	7	4	33-54	14
South Sydney	15	5	7	3	26-35	13
North Sydney	17	2	14	1	24-65	5
Aust. W. Mills	15	1	12	2	12-62	4

N.S.W. Premiership Table

	P	W	D	L	B	F.A.	Goals
Ad'town . . .	12	10	1	0	1	49-7	22
W. Walls'd	13	10	0	2	1	60-27	22
N. Lamb'n	12	8	1	2	1	36-20	20
Pyrmont . . .	15	7	2	5	1	40-25	19
Balgownie	14	7	2	4	1	37-23	19
Auburn . . .	15	8	1	6	0	45-25	19
Canterb'ry	15	6	1	7	1	44-45	18
Thirroul . . .	13	6	0	6	1	35-32	18
Cardiff . . .	14	4	2	7	1	34-48	17
Balmain . . .	14	4	1	8	1	31-36	17
H'mesville	11	3	3	4	1	18-24	16
S. Sydney	14	3	3	7	1	33-56	16
Hel'burgh	13	3	4	6	0	26-42	16
E. Subs. . .	14	2	3	8	1	26-43	16
Wallsend	10	3	0	6	1	14-31	14
N. Sydney	13	1	2	9	1	23-56	14
Corrimall . .	15	7	2	5	1	31-28	14

Metropolitan Premiership.

(Played in conjunction with N.S.W. Premiership.)

	P	W	D	L	B	F.A.	Goals
Pyrmont . . .	11	7	1	2	1	33-18	22
Balgownie	11	6	1	3	1	28-12	20
Auburn . . .	11	6	1	3	1	28-12	20
Canterb'ry	11	5	1	4	1	30-12	19
Thirroul . . .	11	5	0	5	1	27-12	19
Balmain . . .	11	4	1	5	1	24-12	18
S. Sydney	11	3	3	4	1	29-38	18
Hel'burgh	11	3	2	5	1	20-27	17
E. Subs. . .	11	2	2	6	1	22-32	16
N. Sydney	11	1	2	7	1	22-45	16
Corrimall . .	11	5	2	3	1	22-14	16

Byes to Auburn and Helensburgh have been included.

The semi-finals in this competition are being played to-day.